

# FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from all Sections of the State

F. W. Webber will plant 40 acres of tomatoes at Boynton for M. C. Hardee. Shipments of oranges and grapefruit from Fort Myers since the opening of the season up to last Thursday night were 199,999 boxes.

William K. Kersey, a traveling man, committed suicide Monday at Tampa at the Hillsboro Hotel. He took the morphine route. Unrequited love was the cause.

A revised count shows that Key West gave a wet majority of 77 in the recent wet and dry election but the total vote from the keys which was practically dry, reduced the wet majority in Monroe county to 49.

M. E. Spencer, of Palm Beach, shipped a pineapple crate filled with Avocado pears to New York this week for which his net returns were \$8.75. He shipped another crate on Friday.

By the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of his brother while they were hunting together, Cecil, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tydings, prominent residents of Ocala, was shot and killed late Sunday afternoon.

Sheriff Frohock, of Miami, has established a 15 horse-power steam irrigating plant in his grove at Fultford. He has an almost perfect system of irrigation, and as a result his vegetables are ahead of his neighbors, and he will soon begin shipping.

Congress will be asked to make an appropriation for the enlargement of the naval hospital in Pensacola, Fla. This is the only naval hospital on the gulf coast, and Surgeon General Rixey of the navy has reported that it is inadequate in size for the accommodation of the sick of the fleets when in winter rendezvous at the station.

H. H. Palmer, superintendent of public instruction of Duval county, died at his home near Point La Vista, on the south side of the river last Saturday morning. The news of Superintendent Palmer's death came as a great surprise for while it was known that he had been in bad health for some time, there was no indication that death was so near. The cause of his death was tuberculosis.

This winter crop of vegetables from the farms of Dade county will greatly surpass those of last year if no adverse conditions set in before the products mature. Everywhere the vegetables are in the best of condition and there is lots of planting still going on. The variety of the produce raised this season will be a notable feature, and the old staple crops of tomatoes and peppers now have worthy rivals in many vegetables that previous to this year were planted merely as experiments. — Miami News-Record.

Because Professor E. V. James, principal of the High School at West Palm Beach had punished his boy in school, J. O'Sullivan, a painter, assaulted Prof. James as he was leaving the school building, shoved him back into the office and locking the door, struck James under the right eye and near the temple with a knife, inflicting a deep, but not necessarily dangerous wound. O'Sullivan also kicked the Professor, breaking one rib. He is held under a \$500 bond for the circuit court.

The efforts made by the committee authorized by the Florida legislature to secure the remains of Ponce de Leon have, for the time being, failed. Gov. Post advised the commission recently that the remains of the explorer indisputably are at San Juan, but he is of the opinion that only the heirs can consent to their removal. The Catholic church has been the custodian of Ponce de Leon's ashes since their interment, and the insular government has no jurisdiction in the matter. The question will come up for further consideration upon the return to San Juan of the Catholic bishop of Porto Rico.

After hours of fearful agony resulting from terrible burns covering four-fifths of her body, Conceit Manika, aged ten years, died Saturday at the home of her parents in Tampa. Left alone in the house with the younger children while her parents were away at work the little girl attempted to start a fire by pouring kerosene oil on a quantity of live coals. The little girl's clothing caught fire from the flames which blazed suddenly upward. In a moment she was wrapt in a sheet of fire, and to cap matters the oil can exploded, carrying fire to all parts of the room. Before assistance arrived the little girl was so badly burned that her life was despaired of. Nearly her entire body with the exception of her face and head blistered, and the burns soon made an even more fearful aspect.

A new fire engine of a capacity of 800 gallons a minute, has just been received by the city of Miami.

The property owners of Wanchula have voted to bond the town for \$15,000 for the purpose of securing the erection of a new school building.

C. Kolke, Japanese consil general, located at New York, has just returned from a visit to the Japanese colony on the lower East Coast. This was his first trip to Florida and he was delighted with the citrus groves and farms.

Duelling with 38-calibre revolvers on one of the streets of Mulberry, last Monday, two prominent citizens of that place, B. Barnes, formerly a Tampa resident, and Robert Humphreys, shot and killed each other. Humphreys was a brother of Senator Humphries, of Manatee county. The trouble was caused by a quarrel among their children.

The Vagabondia, the handsome and elegant house boat of W. L. Mellon, of Pittsburg and Palatka, and commanded by Capt. A. J. Canova, of West Palm Beach, was sunk in the Savannah river last week Monday by striking a sunken pile. She is valued at \$50,000, is of 100 tons burden and is recognized as one of the finest pleasure vessels plying southern waters. She will be raised at once and will again be on the Indian River this winter.

The weekly report of Tampa's cigar output up to last Saturday shows 6,175,000 shipped for the six days making the total output from the first of January, 1907 up to and including Saturday 241,639,000, this being over 15,000,000 more than for the same period in 1906. At the present rate of increase in weekly shipments 1907 will close with a record of over 300,000,000 as the shipments from Tampa of cigars manufactured there.

What is claimed to be the largest catch of red snapper ever made by a gulf fishing vessel was brought by the schooner Caldwell H. Holt. The cargo amounted to 35,000 pounds, exceeding the largest ever known before by 5,000. The schooner was out two weeks, making the catch at Campeche banks. Receipts of red snappers by the fish houses in Pensacola were also larger than known in years, two firms receiving from seven vessels 150,000 pounds.

A carload of machinery and piping for the well to be sunk at Faulk's Still near Orange Hill, in an effort to strike oil, has arrived. The drilling will begin as soon as the machinery can be transported to the grounds to be set up. The promoters and the local stock holders in the oil company have great faith in the presence of oil in the ground chosen on which the first well is to be sunk, and the result is being watched with a great deal of interest. — Chipley Banner.

Times-Union Short Talks says: "A plant to refine Florida's fallers earth is all right, but it is only one more where we have the raw materials for half a dozen. How about a plant for our textiles where paper pulp is high, and we send to Manila for rope? How about a pottery when we can show clay equal to the best? And how about a glass factory when we have the purest sand exactly fit for pane glass, and perhaps for crown? Name your line, show the money, and we can show you the material to fill the bill."

More than three hundred delegates representing the Sea Island local union of the Farmers' Union of Georgia and Florida, met in the Columbia county court house at Lake City Thursday and Friday to consider the financing of the present cotton crop. The special committee appointed to report on this matter reported that a plan be adopted whereby the banks and merchants be made safe for advances that have been made, and the pledge of the whole Farmers' Union was guaranteed to stand for the minimum prices of 15 cents for short cotton and 42 cents for best grades of sea island cotton.

Found guilty of murder in the first degree Charley Powell, colored, must expiate his crime on the gallows. He was sentenced by Judge Call Saturday morning in the circuit court at St. Augustine to die and the governor will set the date of the execution later. The crime for which Powell is condemned to death was unprovoked and brutal in the extreme, his victim being a colored man by the name of John Rogers. Last June Powell killed Rogers at Bunnell and made his escape but was subsequently captured by Sheriff Perry in central Alabama. The sheriff followed him into the heart of the forest and finally captured him a score of miles from the nearest railroad.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

Notice is hereby given that the annual City election of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, will be held on Friday, the 27th day of November, 1907, for the purpose of electing the following City Officers: One Mayor, to serve one year; Two Aldermen, to serve two years; One Clerk and Treasurer, to serve one year; One Marshal and Collector, to serve one year. The Mayor and Aldermen will hold office from the 1st day of December, A. D. 1907.

FRANK H. FEE, Mayor, 1907.

### IN COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE, STATE OF FLORIDA.

In re Estate of St. Lucie County, Charles B. Bly, et al. vs. St. Lucie County, et al. Creditors. Petition for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the assets of the county and to sell the same to pay the debts of the county.

You and each of you are hereby notified to present your claims and demands which you or either of you are entitled to against the estate of Charles B. Bly, deceased, and against St. Lucie County, Florida, to the undersigned J. Louis Brown, executor of the estate of Charles B. Bly, deceased, within two years from the date hereof.

Dated October 12, A. D. 1907.

J. LOUIS BROWN, Executor.

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